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What a sad reflection!

A BARREN GIFT.

Shanghai, June 10.—The first steam-launch has left China for Yangchow under the new Immigration rules. She left yesterday clearing at the Custom House; but it is very to be lamented that the voluntary contribution of Chinese to Great Britain in declaration of international watersways upon that steam launch is likely to be destroyed by the number of unworkable regulations with which

gift, that otherwise would be a mortal sin—also, has been such a blessing to the people, as to position to judge, but hesitancy in pronouncing the whole as such under the new conditions, absolutely worthless, and of no more than the privileges which were won at the Porto Convention with reference to the four ports of call—Shanghai, Hongkong, Amoy, and Swatow. The Chinese Government, Shashi, Ningpo, and Hukow, which were declared upon landing of passengers and the land cargo, but at which, in consequence of atrocious Jekin regulations, not one of cargo has ever been landed, except in the case of Shashi, which is, of course, a regular Treaty Port. *Gazette.*

THE FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

With reference to the future of the Philippines, the United States

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The names for four of the titles which destroyers now being built at Thyrocraft's, Chicago, will have never been decided. John Donaldson of the firm, who so proudly he sought permission to give the names to the fleet—They are (Olympic), Marathon, Parkinson, and Agri, (Evangelist), and (Will of the Wind)—poetical pretty names, which Mr. Donaldson compares favourably with *Satanstoe*, *Whiting*, and a few others, whose names Lord Charles North has ACTED LIKE A CHIEF.

M R J. HARRY WATERBURY, master, SATURDAY MORNING, says that "I regard it as a very good thing that the new ship is called 'Satanstoe'." However, it used to

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The French cruiser *Jean Bart*, arrived at Amoy from Foosehow on the 22nd inst.

The mortality returns for Macao for the week ended June 10, show 7 deaths from plague.

Mr G. Detring has arrived at Tientsin accompanied by Mr Burt, the new manager of the Tongshan mines.

The West Yorkshire Regimental Sports were held at Singapore on the 22nd inst. Sergt-Major Westcott won the veterans' race.

The mortality statistics of the Colony for the week ended 18th June show 18 deaths as against 23.2 in the corresponding period last year.

The first competition of the world history of the Hongkong Volunteers for the Subscription Cup will take place on Saturday next, at 2.30 p.m.

The fortnightly returns of plague forwarded by the Bombay Government show that the disease is diminishing in the city, there being 8 cases and 4 deaths on 6th June.

H.M.S. *Porpoise* was at Yokohama on the 18th inst., but was expected to sail on the 10th day for Wei-hai-wei, where the *Venerable* had sailed from Nagasaki on the 14th inst.

It is believed that at least two British bluejackets deserted in Hongkong in order to join Admiral Dewey's squadron at Manila. Like the Irishman 'they were blue mouldy for a fight.'

The U. S. troops by the *City of Peking*, *City of Sydney* and *Australia* were given the free run of Honolulu on the way across to Manila. On the 2nd inst., a big spread was given to the troops in the fine grand hall of the Executive Building.

In consequence of the Singapore Municipal Council having prosecuted two Chinamen for keeping stables in an unsanitary condition, the balloon-car proprietors went on strike. "The Singapore Corporation should pay deputation as an offset to these repeated strikes amongst the Chinese."

A Water Polo League competition will be held to-morrow at half-past five o'clock (weather permitting), at the V.R.C. team Recreation Club, between the V.R.C. team and Tuoh's King's Own Regimental team. The following comprise the V.R.C. team—
—Henderson, T. Meek, Carvalho, A. E. Alves, Stopani, A. A. Alves and F. Lammert and strong Reserves—F. Lammert and Horbe.

THE following paragraph appears in the *Singapore Free Press*—

Sir J. W. Bonney, Chief Justice of Ceylon (last of his Colony) in the course of his presidency at the Singapore Court Sessions, has taken "steps of a definite and determined character to put stop (if possible) to the lying and profligate speculation that takes place in the Courts."

Mr L. M. Woodward, who strongly protested against the systematic perjury that was being done in the Magistrate's Courts in the Straits, will go south to hear of Sir Windford Bonney's address.

There is some rain swearing in Hong Kong. Only the other day, however, the general Police Judge was almost incensed off his perch by both parties telling the truth in a native accent. The occasion was no unique that Mrs Wise accompanied, upon in. There were no "expert" witnesses of either side.

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In the Supreme Court at Shanghai on the 23rd inst., John Wardrop, an engineer in the service of the China Navigation Company, sued the general agent, Messrs Butterfield and Swire, for alleged wrongful dismissal. Plaintiff claimed \$288 for salary due him, \$2,420 for wrongful dismissal. Defendant alleged gross acts of insubordination on the part of the plaintiff and also that he assaulted the captain of the *Paotow*, causing

Byes: On the 24th, returning on the 24th inst., it was stated by Counsel that the parties had agreed to allow judgment for the plaintiff for the amount paid into Court by the defendants—\$430.30—in wages and damages, without any order of costs. In agreeing to this arrangement Sir Nicholas Hannen said:—“I think that is a fair arrangement, and I regret very much the case was ever brought into Court. No doubt there is great difficulty in arranging a conflict as to their duty between a captain and engineer. It is unfortunate the case was ever brought into Court, but don't imagine much blame attaches to anybody in connection with the case. At the same time I cannot say there is no blame attached to anybody, and, therefore, I think it better an arrangement of this sort has been come to and the matter peacefully adjusted. I approve the terms you have suggested, and there will be judgment in favor of the plaintiff for the amount paid into Court to be paid out of Court to the plaintiff as wages and damages.

BREKIDEN & ALLISON Placed the very beautiful—Robinson Piano Co.

We have been down a letter from Mr. A. S. Butler, President of the California and Oregon A. S. Co. which

track ocean liners sailing out of San Diego to Japan and China ports in the near future. The liners are in touch in connection with the Alameda-Tupac and Santa Fe Railway and will call at Honolulu. Every arrangement on the other side is said to have been made and a representative of the Company is expected here to open offices at the principal ports in Japan and China. After

